



TIPPECANNEWS

City Council Enacts Cost Cutting Measures

In reaction to the recent economic downturn and in an effort to reduce the projected \$218,000 General Fund operating deficit, Tipp City City Council has proactively enacted cost saving measures designed to further reduce operating expenses. The cost reductions are expected to save approximately \$118,000 annually. City Council will also be increasing fees for certain services. Below is a summary of City Council's actions:

- ❁ **Hiring Freeze** – City Council has implemented a hiring freeze that requires the approval of Council to fill any vacant position.
- ❁ **Rental Fees for the Roundhouse** will be increased from \$40 to \$80 for residents and \$50 to \$100 for non-residents while the cost to rent a Pavilion at Kyle Park will be increased from \$25 to \$50 for a resident and \$35 to \$70 for a non-resident.
- ❁ *Tippecanews* newsletter will be published every other month.

- ❁ **Meter Reading** – The City will be implementing a pilot program whereby water and electric meters will be read by City crews every other month (meters are currently read every month), thereby reducing labor costs. Customers will receive an estimated bill in the alternate months based upon their average usage over the previous 12 months. If successful, the program will be implemented city-wide.
- ❁ **Disconnect Notices** – Those customers who fail to pay their utility bills in a timely manner will no longer receive two reminder notices. Services will now be disconnected if the customer fails to pay their utility bill after the first late notice.
- ❁ **Eliminated replacement of one in-car video system and one radar unit in the Police Department**
- ❁ **Eliminated weed cutting program** whereby the City has, in the past, contracted to have yards and/or vacant lots mowed when property owners fail to comply with the City's weed cutting ordinance
- ❁ **Replacement brick dust on baseball/softball fields** will no longer be purchased by the City and if desired,

must be provided by the organization utilizing the playing fields.

- ❁ **Broadleaf weed control** at public parks will be limited to playing fields and bike trail areas.
- ❁ **Reduced mosquito spraying** at City Park.
- ❁ **The City will contract out mowing** of smaller park/public areas, thereby reducing the need for part-time/seasonal employees.
- ❁ **The mowing of public parks** will occur less frequently, with the exception of athletic fields, to further reduce the need for part-time seasonal employees.
- ❁ **The Brush Drop-Off Program** at Kyle Park and the fall Leaf Pick-Up Program have been eliminated. Residents may purchase yard waste bags at the Utility Department for \$1.50 per bag for pick-up and disposal of brush and leaves by Waste Management. An unlimited number of bags may be placed curbside or you may take your brush to the Miami County Solid Waste Transfer Station on County Road 25A for approximately 3 cents per pound. ❁



Pride Day

Tipp-Monroe Community Services and Tipp City

America in Bloom have set Saturday, April 18 for the second annual Pride Day in Tipp City and Monroe Township. Pride Day was created with the purpose of instilling pride in our community by cleaning up litter, brush and plant material from public and private properties, including yards, parks and roadsides.

If you are in need of assistance with yard clean-up on April 18, please call Tipp-Monroe Community Services at 667-8631 or stop in at their offices at 3 E. Main Street for more details. Groups or individuals interested in helping with the community-wide clean-up should also call Community Services. You will receive information about an individual who needs assistance or an area in need of clean-up. 🌸

Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center

Passes to the Tippecanoe Family Aquatic Center are now on sale at the Tipp City Government Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Memberships may also be purchased online at www.tippcityohio.gov. If you have a summer birthday or office outing to plan, consider hosting your event at the Aquatic Center. For more information, call 667-8425. 🌸



Community Survey

The City of Tipp City is conducting a web based community survey of Tipp City households to assess a variety of issues and services that affect residents of the City. The purpose of the survey is to gather information about residents:

- 🌸 General attitudes regarding the quality of life in Tipp City, and
- 🌸 Attitudes toward the services provided to the residents of Tipp City

The survey can be accessed on the City of Tipp City's web site at www.tippcityohio.gov. For those who do not have internet access, hard copies of the survey are available at the Tipp City Government Center and the Tipp City Public Library and can be returned to the same. Surveys must be completed on-line or returned by March 31, 2009. 🌸

Historic Tipp City



This is the second article in an ongoing informational series focused on Tipp City's downtown historic district. It is our hope that by providing this information, we can shine a light on the value of the historic core of our community as a visible indicator of Tipp's civic pride, economic health, and community heritage. Historic buildings provide a tangible link to our past. Ultimately, the preservation of our historic structures allows

us to retain something that looks good, functions well, and links us with a past that we need to remember. Consequently, Tipp City Code actually requires that buildings in the historic district be maintained. For example, did you know that exterior modifications to buildings in the historic district need to be approved by the Tipp City Restoration Board? This Board is appointed by City Council to implement the provisions of Tipp City's historic preservation ordinance, which was originally passed by City Council in 1974. The Restoration Board consists of seven members, who volunteer their time and expertise to help protect Tipp City's downtown historic district. The primary focus of the Restoration Board is to maintain/improve property values within the downtown historic district. Since its inception, this focus has been accomplished through protection and preservation of the basic characteristics that make the downtown historic district a focal point for the community and a unique place to live, work and visit. More information can be found at Tipp City's website at www.tippcityohio.gov/Restoration.cfm. 🌸



Important City Contacts

- 🌸 **Automated Attendant/Direct Connect**
669-TIPP
- 🌸 **Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)**
9-1-1
- 🌸 **Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency)**
440-9911
- 🌸 **Police (Non-Emergency)**
667-3112
- 🌸 **Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**
667-9199 or 667-1680
- 🌸 **Utility Billing**
667-8424
- 🌸 **Planning/Zoning**
667-6305
- 🌸 **Engineering and Utilities**
667-6305
- 🌸 **Refuse Collection (Waste Management)**
866-695-3433
- 🌸 **Service Center (Parks and Streets)**
667-8234
- 🌸 **City Manager's Office**
667-8425
- 🌸 **Clerk of Council**
667-8425
- 🌸 **Construction Notice Update**
667-6293

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